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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

ZIMRON ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph Waks

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                      4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_                      6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 12, 2001 has been entered.

### ***Specification***

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 250 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 250 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

In line 1, "comprises" is a legal phraseology, line 13, "the present invention" is a phrase which can be implied.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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In claim 1, line 8, “a vaporized working fluid” should be –said vaporized working fluid--, line 9, “intermediate fluid” should be -- an intermediate fluid--, and line 11, “expended vaporized organic working fluid” should be -- an expended vaporized organic working fluid--.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. **Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Bronicky (US 4,428,190)**.

**Bronicky** discloses in Figure 1 invention as claimed: a heat source heating an intermediate fluid, a vaporized intermediate fluid from an intermediate fluid heater vaporizer 13, an intermediate fluid vapor turbine 18 expending the vaporized intermediate fluid and producing power, an organic working fluid vaporized in an organic fluid vaporizer 27, a vaporized organic working fluid expended in an organic vapor turbine 28 to produce power, an intermediate fluid condensate supplied back to the intermediate fluid heater vaporizer and an organic fluid condensate supplied back to the organic fluid vaporizer.

7. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Yogev et al. (US 4,760,705)**.

**Yogev et al.** disclose in Figure 1 invention as claimed: a heat source heating an intermediate fluid, a vaporized intermediate fluid from an intermediate fluid heater vaporizer 12, 16 an intermediate fluid vapor turbine 24 expending the vaporized intermediate fluid and

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producing power, an organic working fluid vaporized in an organic fluid vaporizer 32, a vaporized organic working fluid expended in an organic vapor turbine 50 to produce power, an intermediate fluid condensate supplied back to the intermediate fluid heater vaporizer and an organic fluid condensate supplied back to the organic fluid vaporizer, and the synthetic, alkylated, aromatic heat transfer fluid (Re column 2, lines 43-41).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. **Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8** are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Bronicky (US 4,428,190)** in view of **The Dow Chemical Company, 1983 article**

**“Achieving Low Pressure Cogeneration with DOWTHERM Heat Transfer Fluids”.**

**Bronicky** discloses the method and the apparatus essentially as claimed. However, **Bronicky** fails to disclose the intermediate fluid being a synthetic, alkylated, aromatic heat transfer fluid.

**The Dow Chemical Company** discloses the synthetic, alkylated, aromatic heat transfer fluid for use in low pressure generating units for the purpose of providing a low freeze point fluid for the outdoor operation that is also non-corrosive to metals used in heat exchangers.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to design the method and the apparatus as taught by **Bronicky** and to provide the intermediate fluid being a synthetic, alkylated, aromatic heat transfer fluid as taught

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by **The Dow Chemical Company** for the purpose of providing a low freeze point fluid for the outdoor operation that is also non-corrosive to metals used in heat exchangers.

***Prior Art***


10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

***Communication***

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Waks whose telephone number is (703) 308-1676. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor R Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-1341 for regular communications and (703) 305-1341 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

  
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